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INTERIM DIRECTOR TODD CAGNONI ANNOUNCES NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

ROCKFORD, IL: June 10, 2013 – Todd Cagnoni, Interim Director of Community and Economic Development Department announces the hiring of C. Mark Williams as the Economic Development Manager for the City of Rockford.

Mr. Williams is the current Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of Growth Dimensions for Belvidere-Boone County. Prior to Growth Dimensions, Mark held the position of Director of Community and Economic Development for the City of Salem, and as a Community Planner for the North Central Illinois Council of Governments.

Mr. Williams has over 23 years of experience in the practice of economic development, community development and regional planning. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Southern Illinois University as well as Graduate Studies in Regional Planning. He is highly networked throughout the State of Illinois in the profession and currently serves as Vice President of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Association and recently served as Chairman of the Illinois Development Council.

Mayor Morrissey stated, “Mr. Williams is a distinguished economic development leader who brings a strong understanding of business retention, expansion and attraction programs, he will be able to hit the ground running and will be an excellent addition to the City economic development team.